



The Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

January 21, 1994

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
Suite 700  
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On August 31, 1993, the Department of Energy accepted Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 93-5 regarding the waste characterization program for high-level nuclear waste storage tanks at the Hanford Site.

In accordance with section 315 (e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286d(e)), the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 93-5 is enclosed for the Board's review.

The Department recognizes there are uncertainties in the characterization of the high-level nuclear waste storage tanks at the Hanford Site. We appreciate the clarification and support the Board's staff has provided in the development of this Plan. As the Department learns more about the contents of these tanks, we will continue to improve upon the Plan, and we will keep you and your staff apprised of these improvements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hazel R. O'Leary", is positioned above the printed name.

Hazel R. O'Leary

Enclosure

